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SUBJ: 21ST UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL - ACTIONS TAKEN IN 1975

BY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND RELATED AGENCIES

(AGENDA ITEM 12) -- WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM ON JANUARY 28, UNDP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (PROGRAM) MR. SIDNEY S. DELL, MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO UNDP ACTIONS CONCERNING THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEW UNDP "GUIDELINES ON PROJECT FORMULATION" FOR A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY ON WOMEN AS PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN WITHIN UNDP.

2. AS PART OF HIS STATEMENT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEM 12 ON JANUARY 28, MR. DELL NOTED THE SUBJECT ACTIONS (LISTED IN DOCUMENT DP/167 AND ADDENDA 1-3), MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, AND REPORTED ON UNDP ACTIONS IN THIS REGARD. HE NOTED THAT UNDP'S ACTIONS CONCERNING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE UNDP AND IN UNDP-FUNDED ACTIVITIES REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION AND INTENSIFICATION OF

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ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDER WAY. HE CONFIRMED, IN RESPONSE

TO PREVIOUS COMMENT BY THE U.S. DELEGATE, THAT THE UNDP WAS SEEKING WAYS TO ENABLE WOMEN TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WITHIN THE WHOLE SCOPE OF UNDP'S DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. HE SAID THAT A PROGRESS REPORT ON WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1975, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 22ND SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. (NOTE: REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE CALLED FOR IN THE DECISION ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY THE 19TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JANUARY 1975).

3. IN ADDITION, MR. DELL REPORTED THAT THE NEW UNDP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL CONTAINS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN'S INTEGRATION IN DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE FORMULATION, DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF THE EFFECT ON WOMEN AS PARTICIPANTS, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES, HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE "GUIDELINES ON PROJECT FORMULATION" WHICH ACCOMPANIES THE MANUAL.

4. REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN UNDP STAFF POSITIONS, MR. DELL REPORTED THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN WITHIN UNDP HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO ASSIST THE ADMINISTRATOR IN DETERMINING APPROPRIATE POLICIES CONCERNING RECRUITMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, AND THE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO DELIVER ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.
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